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## Denounces America

WASHINGTON — Ghana's self-imposed President for life, Kwame Nkrumah, has published a scorching denunciation of American "imperialism" to be distributed throughout the "uncommitted" world.

NKRUMAH is the recipient of \$161 million in U. S. foreign aid.

During the 1960 Presidential campaign, Senator John Fitzgerald Kennedy roasted the Eisenhower Administration for its "do-nothing" attitude toward Nkrumah. Kennedy termed "understandable" Nkrumah's flirtation with the Communist bloc, said the Ghanaian leader wanted only "the full fruits of independence — better homes for his people, more jobs, paved roads, schools, doctors, cities and food."

THE DEMOCRATIC nominee promised greater aid to the Ghanaian government, asserting "we will speak the language they understand." After the election officials of the Kennedy Administration assured Nkrumah of aid for a multi-million dollar dam and smelter on the Volta river.

But Ghana moved closer to the Communist bloc and Nkrumah was honored with the Lenin Peace Prize in 1962. By 1963, Nkrumah had liquidated his political opposition and the official journal of his regime had proclaimed: "We are at war — the capitalist class must be crushed."

INFLUENTIAL Democratic Senators — Gore of Tennessee, Hart of Michigan, and Neuberger of Oregon — were sharply critical of U. S. policy toward Ghana. "We do not believe that American aid should be used to assist governments engaged in the systematic suppression of free expression. The aid continued, and con-

tinues to this day, despite attacks on the American Emperor and the oratorical frenzy of Ghanaian officials.

"WE ARE FED UP with your imperialist dollars," cried one Nkrumah aid. "We will massacre you. American imperialism is a filthy civilization."

A recent editorial in the Ghanaian Times assailed the United States in terms so harsh that the State Department dispatched an official protest to Nkrumah. But he ignored the note and stood by the paper's indictment, which said:

"THE YANKEE gun runners have come to Ghana. Pimps and drunks who run the Murder Inc., called the CIA are after the blood of Nkrumah the Redeemer because he is the biggest thorn in their neo-colonialist ambitions, because he is forging the path of socialism which will carry all Africa against the shaky fabric of capitalism."

A State Department spokesman says the Administration is considering new requests for aid to Ghana. Top level intelligence reports, however, echo the finding of Connecticut Sen. Thomas Dodd that Nkrumah has brought his nation into the Communist bloc. A report prepared earlier this year by the department's Bureau of Intelligence and Research said:

"COMMUNIST influence is strong in the ruling Convention People's Party, the Ghana Trade Union Congress, youth organizations and the press. This influence is enhanced by the close relations between Ghana and the Communist states and by the important role played by left-leaning radicals within the ruling party and the government. An estimated 700 Ghanaians are studying in the Communist orbit. Ghana trades extensively with the Communist countries and receives substantial technical and financial assistance from them. Visits by Ghanaians to Communist countries and visitors from these countries have continued to increase."

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